Manual

for

The Holy Eucharist

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Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me!
Body of Christ, save me!
Blood of Christ, refresh me!
Water from the side of Christ, wash me!
Passion of Christ, strengthen me!
O good Jesu, hear me!
Within Thy wounds hide me!
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee!
From the malicious enemy defend me!
In the hour of my death, call me!
And bid me come to Thee,
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee
For ever and ever,
Amen.

A Table of Feasts

TO BE OBSERVED IN THIS CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

All Sundays in the Year.
The Circumcision of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, January 1.
The Epiphany, January 6.
The Conversion of St. Paul, January 25.
The Purification of the Blessed Virgin, Feb. 2.
St. Matthias the Apostle, February 24.
The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, March 25.
St. Mark the Evangelist, April 25.
St. Philip and St. James the Apostles, May 1.
The Ascension of our Lord JESUS CHRIST.
St. Barnabas the Apostle, June 11.
The Nativity of St. John Baptist, June 24.
St. Peter the Apostle, June 29.
St. James the Apostle, July 25.
The Transfiguration of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, August 6.
St. Bartholomew the Apostle, August 24.
St. Matthew the Apostle, September 21.
St. Michael and All Angels, September 29.
St. Luke the Evangelist, October 18.
St. Simon and St. Jude the Apostles, Oct. 28.
All Saints, November 1.
St. Andrew the Apostle, November 30.
St. Thomas the Apostle, December 21.
The Nativity of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, December 25.
St. Stephen the Martyr, December 26.
St. John the Evangelist, December 27.
The Holy Innocents, December 28.
Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week.
Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun Week.

A Table of Fasts

STRICT FASTS

Ash Wednesday Good Friday

OTHER DAYS OF FASTING

ON WHICH THE CHURCH REQUIRES SUCH A MEASURE OF ABSTINENCE AS IS MORE ESPECIALLY SUITED TO EXTRAORDINARY ACTS AND EXERCISES OF DEVOTION

I. The Forty Days of Lent.

II. The Ember Days at the Four Seasons, being the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after
The First Sunday in Lent,
The Feast of Pentecost,
September 14, and December 13.

III. All the Fridays in the Year, except Christmas Day and The Epiphany, or any Friday which may intervene between these Feasts.

The first Thursday in November (or, if any other day be appointed by the Civil Authority, then such day) shall be observed as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the Fruits of the Earth, and all other Blessings of his merciful Providence.

Preparation

for

The Holy Communion

Self-Examination

Examination of Conscience by the rule of God's Commandments

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart : prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting. Ps. 139: 23, 24.

O Blessed Spirit of truth, thou who searchest the heart and triest the inmost thoughts, bring, I pray thee, my sins to my remembrance, and grant me light to see and find them out. Strengthen me also with courage to confess them truly, hiding nothing, excusing nothing, keeping back nothing in my heart; that I may of thy mercy obtain pardon and entire absolution; and thus healed, may arise and sin no more; through the merits and for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

First Commandment

Do I firmly believe in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost? Have I made an idol of any person or thing? Doubted any article of the Christian faith? Given way to superstition? Neglected my duty toward God and the Church for fear of ridicule? Frequented religious meetings of those in heresy and schism? Been proud, thought or talked about self, sought for preëminence or flattery? Set before myself the most holy life of Jesus and always tried to be like Him?

Second Commandment

Have I omitted my morning or evening prayers, said them carelessly or without kneeling? Not said grace at meals? Read the Holy Scriptures regularly and devoutly? Neglected to attend Church regularly? Been irreverent by not taking part in the service, let my thoughts wander, been inattentive, insincere? Been regular in attendance at Holy Eucharist on all Sundays and holy days? Neglected

to communicate regularly, or without preparation? Always r e c e i v e d the Blessed Sacrament fasting?

Third Commandment

Have I used God's holy name in a light and careless way? Cursed or sworn? Read the Bible with a wrong motive? Ridiculed holy persons or things? Broken any solemn promise or vow? Promised to keep secret what was wrong? Made an unlawful promise?

Fourth Commandment

Have I profaned the Lord's Day by neglecting to go to Church and the Holy Eucharist? If I could not go to Church have I read the service or other proper devotions at home? Kept others from Church? Done secular or unnecessary work on Sunday or caused others to do it? Spent the day in idleness, reveling, reading unfit newspapers or books?

Fifth Commandment

Have I been disobedient to my parents? Deceived them by keeping any

wrong doing from them? Given them anxiety or pain by my actions? Spoken to them or of them in disrespectful, angry or impatient words? Neglected to help them or pray for them? Have I done my duty to my brothers and sisters and all my relatives? Have I been obedient and respectful to my spiritual pastor—the Priest who has the care of my soul? Resisted his counsels or reproof? Helped him whenever I could in his work? Have I honored God as my Father by striving to keep his commandments, and have I honored the Church as my Mother by obedience to her precepts?

For a parent—Have I set my children a good example? Not neglected them? Been careful to train them religiously? To have them Baptized, Confirmed, prepared for the Holy Communion? Removed from them occasions of sin, bad companions, bad books? Corrected their faults with patience and not with temper? Not overlooked their faults? Have

I over-indulged or spoiled my children? Been equally just to all my children? Forced them into a profession of my choice? Hindered their vocation when called to the religious life?

For a husband or wife—Have I broken my matrimonial vow? Been wanting in love, kindness, obedience, duty towards my wife (husband)? Given occasion for jealousy? Been unfaithful? Neglected the reasonable wishes or comfort of my wife (husband)? Used any angry or abusive words towards my wife (husband)? Been wasteful, extravagant? Not had family prayers?

For a sponsor—Have I done what I could to see that my god-children are taught the Catholic Faith? Have I neglected to pray for them?

For an employer—Have I been negligent in caring for the souls of my employees? Not given them opportunity of going to Church? Treated them unkindly? Without consideration made

their work too hard? Found fault with them harshly, hastily, or without cause? Failed to reprove their faults when necessary?

For an employee—Have I done my duty to my employers? Been respectful and obedient to them? Deceived, cheated or robbed them, or allowed others to do so? Idled my time which belonged to them? Wasted or destroyed their property or neglected to take care of what was put under my charge? Broken God's law in order to please them?

For one at school—Have I been obedient and respectful to those in authority over me? Been just and helpful to those under me? Wilfully broken the rules of the school or led others to do so? Deceived teachers by dishonest work, or lied about it? Been as careful of my conduct out of sight of teachers as in their presence? When corrected or punished have I taken reproof humbly and gratefully? Always spoken kindly and reverently of my teachers? Done

the most thorough and honest work of which I was capable?

Sixth Commandment

Have I ever desired the death of any one on account of hatred or self-interest, or wished I were dead? Done anything to shorten my own life or that of another, by injuring health, evil living, etc.? Been angry without cause? Given way to temper or been sulky or quarrelsome? Harmed others in anger, struck them or called them names? Indulged in bitter or angry thoughts? Forgiven all my enemies? Defended the helpless and those unjustly treated or deceived? Been cruel to animals or destroyed life unnecessarily? Murdered the souls of others by leading them into sin?

Seventh Commandment

Have I given way to impure thoughts? Indulged in or listened to immodest conversation? Read immoral books or papers? Looked at anything impure? Delighted in obscene songs or jests? Committed any impure acts alone or

with others? Associated with bad companions or gone to wrong places? Eaten or drunk too much? Been lazy, idle or wasted time?

Eighth Commandment

Have I stolen anything or wished to do so? Kept anything I knew had been stolen? Tried to find owners of lost articles I have found? Not paid my debts? Wasted money and not lived within my income? Cheated in games or in buying or selling? Given alms in proportion to my means?

Ninth Commandment

Have I told lies? Added to or diminished from the truth? Made careless statements? Told secrets entrusted to me, or broken any confidence? Concealed the truth or acted a lie? Spoken evil of anyone? Gossiped? Told anything that would injure another's character? Pretended to commit any sin of which I was not really guilty? Taken opportunity to speak of the good in others?

Tenth Commandment

Have I wished for things God has not given me? Coveted things belonging to another? Been dissatisfied or discontented with my position in life? Been jealous of another? Desired another's loss so that I might be a gainer by it? Hoarded my money? Do I try to do my duty in that state of life to which God has called me? Do I cultivate a spirit of thanksgiving to God for all his blessings?

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; I acknowledge and bewail my manifold sins and wickedness, which I, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against me. [*Here mention the sins of which you have been guilty.*] I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto me;

the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon me, have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive me all that is past; and grant that I may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, have mercy upon me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with me now and evermore. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I confess to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, before the whole company of heaven, and before you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Especially I remember having committed the following sins since my last confession, which was . . . . ago.

Here mention your sins.

For these and all my other sins, which I cannot now remember, I am heartily sorry, I firmly purpose to amend, and I ask of you, Father, penance, advice, and absolution.

Wherefore I pray God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to pity and pardon me, and you, Father, to pray for me.

Say this Prayer when you return to your pew.

O my God, I offer thee my confession, in union with the Merits and Sufferings of Jesus Christ, my Saviour; beseeching thee to pardon all that thou hast seen amiss therein; and to supply all that has been wanting. And grant that the Absolution pronounced by the Priest on earth may be confirmed in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O most merciful God, who dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent that thou rememberest them no more, accept this my confession for thy mercy's sake. I thank thee that thou hast mercifully forgiven me all my sins. Give me grace to make a new beginning; keep me from falling back; strengthen me and uphold me to the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Devotions Before Communion

This preparation may be made at home or on entering church.

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Antiphon. I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.

PSALM 84. *Quam dilecta.*

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young : even thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery

use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our Defender : and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father.

Antiphon. I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

In Penitential Seasons

Antiphon. Remember not, Lord.

Psalm 130. *De profundis.*

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord : my soul doth wait for Him : in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Glory be to the Father.

Antiphon. Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, etc.

℣ And lead us not into temptation.
℟ But deliver us from evil.
℣ I said, Lord have mercy upon me.
℟ Heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.
℣ Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last.
℟ And be gracious unto thy servant.
℣ Let thy mercy, O Lord, be showered upon us.
℟ As we do put our trust in thee.
℣ Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness.
℟ And let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
℣ Cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
℟ And keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins.

O Lord, hear my prayer.
And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

MOST Gracious God, incline thy merciful ears to our prayers, and enlighten our hearts by the grace of thy Holy Spirit; that we may worthily approach thy holy mysteries, and love thee with an everlasting love.

O Lord, we beseech thee, may the Comforter who proceedeth from thee illuminate our minds, and lead us, as thy Son hath promised, into all truth.

O Lord, we beseech thee, may the power of the Holy Ghost be with us, and both mercifully cleanse and purge our hearts, and defend us from all adversities.

Cleanse our consciences, we beseech thee, O Lord, by thy visitation, that thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, when He cometh, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Before the Priest comes in.

O Jesu, it were surely sweet,
To sit and listen at thy feet,
With those who in thy life drew near
Thy words of wondrous grace to hear.
Yet sweeter far it is to pray
Before thine Altar-Throne to-day,
And feel the love which bids thee lie
Thus wrapt in holiest mystery.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

O Almighty Father, Eternal God, I, thine unworthy servant, desire to offer unto thee, by the hands of thy Priest, this most holy sacrifice, humbly beseeching thee to grant

[*here name special intention*]

for the sake of thy dear Son, whose Passion and Death we do commemorate.

As the Priest enters.

Be present, O Lord, with this thy Priest, and receive this sacrifice at his hands, to the praise and glory of thy Name, to our benefit, and to that of all thy Holy Church. Amen.

While the Priest prays before the Altar.

PSALM 43.

Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

As the Priest goes up to the Altar.

Take away from us, we beseech thee, O Lord, all our iniquities, that we may be worthy with pure minds to enter into the Holy of Holies, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Ten Commandments

If the Commandments are omitted, turn to page 31

GOD spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them:

for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and show mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my commandments.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain;

for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy

son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honour thy father and thy mother;

that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet

thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

¶ *Here, if the Decalogue hath been omitted, shall be said,*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The Collect

The Epistle

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn or an Anthem.*

Before the Gospel

✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel

✠ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of

the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

At the Offertory

When you give your Alms.

All things come of thee, O Lord: and of thine own have we given thee.

At the Oblation of the Elements.

O God, our God, who didst send forth the Heavenly Bread, the nourishment of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, to be our Ransom and our Benefactor, to bless and sanctify us, bless thou thyself this

offering, and receive it upon the Heavenly Altar.

Remember for good those who offer it, and those for whom it is offered, and keep us free from condemnation in the celebration of thy Holy Mysteries : whose glorious Name is hallowed for evermore. Amen.

O God, who didst wonderfully constitute the dignity of human nature in creating it, and hast still more wonderfully regenerated it, grant that by the Mystery of this Water and Wine we may be made partakers of his Divine Nature who vouchsafed to become a partaker of our human nature, Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Prayer for the Church

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto

thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly

serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Short Exhortation

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

The General Confession

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The re-

membrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt.* xi. 28.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John* iii. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I *Tim.* i. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. I *St. John* ii. 1, 2.

The Sursum Corda

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

The Preface

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

¶ *Here follows the* Proper Preface *on great Festivals.*

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, ¶ *Priest and People.*
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

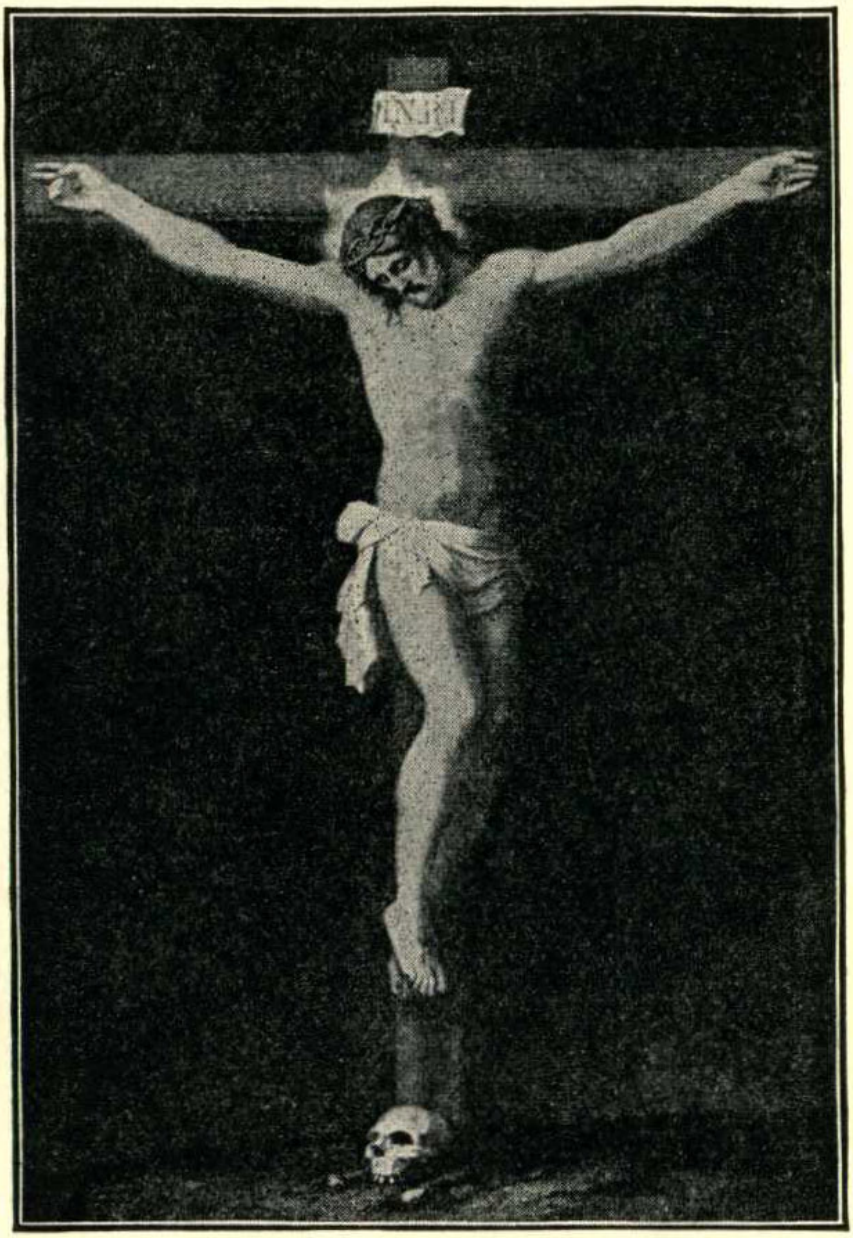
Most merciful God, look graciously upon the gifts now lying before thee; And send down thy Holy Spirit upon this sacrifice; That he may make this bread the Body of thy Christ, and this cup the Blood of thy Christ. Amen.

The Consecration

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

With bowed head say:

Hail, true Body of my Lord Jesus Christ! Prostrate in lowliest devotion, I worship and adore thee.



Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, DRINK YE ALL OF THIS; FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS; DO THIS, AS OFT AS YE SHALL DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Again lowly bowing the head, say:

Hail, true Blood of my Lord Jesus Christ! Prostrate in lowliest devotion, I worship and adore thee.

The Oblation.

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having

in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

The Invocation.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his

blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed

through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world : have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world : have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world : grant us thy Peace.

The Communion

Eternal Father, I offer thee this sacrifice of thy Well-beloved Son in this Holy Sacrament; and for his sake, and for the sake of his precious Blood-shedding, I beseech thee to grant to me and to all for whom I desire to pray, the forgiveness of our sins, and that thou wouldst, of thy bounteous goodness, grant . . .

Here name special intention.

Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Prostrate I adore thee, Deity unseen.
Who Thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;
Lo, to Thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
Tranced as it beholds Thee, shrined within the cloud.

Taste, and touch, and vision to discern Thee fail,
Faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.
I believe whatever God's own Son averred;
Nothing can be truer than the Truth's own Word.

On the Cross lay hidden but Thy Deity,
Here is also hidden Thy Humanity.
But in both believing and confessing, Lord,
Ask I what the dying thief of Thee implored.

Thy dread wounds, like Thomas, though I cannot see,
His be my confession, Lord and God, of Thee.
Lord, my faith unfeigned evermore increase,
Give me hope unfading, love that cannot cease.

O Memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death,
Living Bread, That givest all Thy creatures breath;

Grant my spirit ever by Thy life may live,
To my taste Thy sweetness never-failing give.

Pelican of mercy, Jesu, Lord our God,
Cleanse me, wretched sinner, in Thy precious blood;
Blood whereof one drop, for humankind outpoured,
Might from all transgression have the world restored.

Jesu, Whom now veiled I by faith descry,
What my soul doth thirst for, do not, Lord, deny;
That Thy Face unveiled I at last may see,
With the blissful vision blest, my God, of Thee.

If Communicating

Before receiving.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

After receiving.

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable Gift.

Grant, O Lord, that what I have taken outwardly with my lips, I may with a pure heart inwardly receive. Lord, may these Holy Gifts cleanse me from all sin, and make me partaker of thy heavenly blessing.

May thy Sacred Body, O Lord, which I have eaten, and thy Precious Blood which I have drunk, cleave to my soul; grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, who have been refreshed with this most pure and Holy Sacrament. Amen.

If not Communicating

In union, O blessed Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church, where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may be always united to thee. And though I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to thee and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is brought to our remembrance; our souls are filled with grace; and the pledge of eternal glory is given unto us.

AVE VERUM CORPUS

Hail to Thee, true Body sprung
From the Virgin Mary's womb,
The Same that on the Cross was hung,
And bore for man the bitter doom,

Hear us, Merciful and Mild,
Jesu, Mary's gracious child.

From Whose Side for Sinners riven
Water flowed and mingled Blood;
May'st Thou, dearest Lord, be given
In death's hour to be our Food,
Hear us, Merciful and Mild,
Jesu, Mary's gracious Child.

ADORO TE DEVOTE

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee,
Who in Thy Sacrament dost deign to be;
Both flesh and spirit at Thy Presence fail,
Yet here Thy Presence we devoutly hail.

O blest Memorial of our dying Lord,
Who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on Thee,
And Thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord, and God,
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing Blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from Thy Presence flow.

O Christ, Whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy Face,
The vision of Thy glory and thy grace.

ANIMA CHRISTI

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For the Faithful Departed

Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from every stain of iniquity. And by the help of thy grace may they escape the judgment of condemnation, and enjoy the happiness of light everlasting.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions for the *souls* of thy *servants* which thou hast commanded to pass out of this world: deliver *them* not into the hands of the Enemy, neither forget *them* at the last, but command *them* to be received by thy holy Angels, and to be carried into the land of the living; and forasmuch as *they* hoped and believed in thee let *them* be counted worthy to rejoice in the fellowship of thy Saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Rest eternal, grant to *them,* O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon *them.*
May *they* rest in peace.
Amen.

The Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Gloria in Excelsis

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.

Or this, or another hymn.

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below,
Our foes press on from every side,
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to Thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
Oh grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with Thee.

or

Lord Jesus, Whom by power Divine
Now hidden 'neath the outward sign,
We worship and adore,
Grant, when the veil away is rolled,
With open face we may behold
Thyself forevermore.

¶ *The following or other Collect is usually said here:*

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace and Blessing

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament has left unto us a memorial of thy Passion : grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that as I have now been admitted to worship thee under the form of Bread and Wine, so when thou shalt come again in judgment, I may be found worthy, in sure trust and joy, to behold thee in thy glorious Majesty, and enjoy thee for ever in thy eternal Kingdom, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, thou livest and reignest, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Holy Trinity, let this Sacrifice, which I have joined with thy Priest in offering, be pleasing to thee and profitable to me and to all Christian souls living and dead. Forgive

my idle thoughts : grant . . . . [*special intention*] : hear and receive my prayers for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Bless me, O Lord, in my good resolutions made at this service . . . . and enable me to keep them ; guard me against that temptation which besets me, ... and may thy blessing be upon me for ever. Amen.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that we which are thy soldiers here may enjoy thy peace hereafter : that the eyes which have looked upon thee in thy Sacrament of love may also behold the fruition of thy blessed hope ; that the tongues which have sung thy praises may also speak the truth ; that the feet which have stood in thy Sanctuary may walk in the land of light ; and that the bodies which have feasted on thy living Body may be restored in newness of life, to dwell with thee where thou reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, in the Unity of Godhead, King for evermore. Amen.

Thanksgiving

after

The Holy Communion

Thanksgiving after Communion

For those who have just received. To be said either in Church, or during the day.

Antiphon. Let us sing the Song of the Three Children.

CANTICLE

Benedicite, omnia opera.

O ALL ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O let Israel bless the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Glory be to the Father.

PSALM 150. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cym-

bals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father.

THE SONG OF SIMEON.

Nunc Dimittis.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the Glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father.

Antiphon. Let us sing the song of the Three Children, which they sang as they blessed the Lord in the furnace of fire.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as

it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us.

℣ And lead us not into temptation.
℟ But deliver us from evil.
℣ Let all thy works praise thee, O Lord.
℟ And thy Saints give thanks unto thee.
℣ Thy Saints shall exult in glory.
℟ They shall rejoice in their beds.
℣ Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us.
℟ But to thy Name give the praise.
℣ Lord, hear my prayer.
℟ And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who for thy three Servants didst assuage the flames of fire; Mercifully grant that no unholy fires may inflame us, thy Servants.

Purify, O Lord, with the fire of thy Holy Spirit our hearts and reins, that we may serve thee with a chaste body and please thee with a pure mind.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings

with thy most gracious favor and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name; and finally by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the Unity of the Same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

I YIELD thee thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, who, not for any merit of mine, but of the condescension of thy mercy only, hast vouchsafed to feed me a sinner, thy unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And I humbly entreat thy boundless clemency, Almighty and Merciful Lord, that this Holy Communion may not bring guilt upon me to condemnation, but may be unto me for pardon and Salvation. Let it be unto me an armor of faith and shield of good resolution. Let it be unto me a riddance of all vices, an extermination of all evil

desires and lusts, and an increase of love and patience, of humility and obedience and all virtues, especially . . . . a firm defence against the wiles of all enemies, visible or invisible; a perfect quieting of all sinful impulses, fleshly or spiritual, especially . . . . a firm adherence to thee, the One True God, and a blessed consummation of my end. And I pray thee that thou wouldest vouchsafe to bring me a sinner to that ineffable Feast, where thou with thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art to thy Saints true Light, full and everlasting Joy, and perfect Happiness; through the Same our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Morning Hymn

Now that the daylight fills the sky,
We lift our hearts to God on high,
That He, in all we do or say,
Would keep us safe from harm this day.

Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife,
From anger's din would shield our life,
From all ill sights would turn our eyes.
Would close our ears from vanities.

Would keep our inmost conscience pure,
Our souls from folly would secure,
Would bid us check the pride of sense
With due and holy abstinence.

So we, when this new day is gone,
And night in turn is drawing on,
With conscience by the world unstained,
Shall praise His Name for victory gained.

All laud to God the Father be,
All laud, Eternal Son, to Thee,
All laud as is forever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete.

Morning Prayer

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

"I laid me down and slept, and rose up again; for the Lord sustained me."

Our Father, etc.
I believe, etc.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

My God, I offer Thee to-day
Whate'er I think and do and say;
Teach me, dear Lord, Thy Holy Will,
Help me my duty to fulfill.

May the holy angels, especially my own guardian, keep watch around me throughout this day, to protect me against the assaults of the evil one, to suggest to me holy thoughts, to defend me against all dangers, to lead me in the perfect way of peace, to bring me safe at length to my home in heaven.

"I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, and will make mention of thy righteousness only."

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

The following may be used with Morning Prayer:

Grant us, O Lord, that this and every day we may pass in the perfecting of holiness, in peace, health and innocence.

Grant that the angel of peace, our faithful guide, the guardian of our souls and bodies, may encamp round about us, and continually suggest what is needful for our salvation.

Grant the pardon and remission of our sins, and strength to withstand every temptation.

Grant that we may accomplish the remainder of our life in penitence and godly fear, in favour with thee, and in charity with all the world.

Grant that whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if

there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, we may think on these things and do them.

Grant a Christian end of life, without sin, without shame, and, should it please thee, without pain, and a good answer at the dreadful and fearful judgment of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Into the hands of thy infinite mercy, O Lord, we commend our souls and bodies, our senses, our words, our counsels, our thoughts, our works, and all our actions, with all the necessities of body and soul, our going out and our coming in; our life, our death, and resurrection with thy saints elect. Amen.

Midday Prayer

✠ In the Name, etc.

Our Father, etc.

Blessed Saviour, who at this hour didst hang upon the cross, stretching forth thy loving arms, grant that all mankind may look unto thee and be saved through thy mercies and merits; who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save me and help me, I humbly beseech thee, O Lord. Amen.

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

Evening Hymn

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That Thou with wonted love wouldst keep
Thy watch around us while we sleep.

O let no evil dreams be near,
Nor phantoms of the night appear;
Our ghostly enemy restrain,
Lest aught of sin our bodies stain.

Almighty Father, hear our cry,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord most high,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.

Evening Prayer

✠ In the Name, etc.

Our Father, etc.

O merciful God, I render thee thanks and praise for all the blessings thou hast bestowed upon me through my whole life and especially for the blessings of this day. . . . . And I beseech thee add this one blessing that I may clearly discern the sins that I have committed this day, in thought, word, and deed, and that I may see my sins and detest them as I ought.

(*Careful examination of conscience.*)

I confess to Almighty God that I have sinned by . . . . O God, have mercy on me, and forgive me, and grant me the grace of true repentance, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, I commend unto thy protection and mercy all those for whom I ought to pray: my relations . . . . my friends . . . . my enemies . . . .

beseeching thee to supply all their needs, to comfort and support them in all their troubles, to deliver them from all temptations, and bring them to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, support me all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening come, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and my work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant me a safe lodging and a holy rest, and peace with thee at the last for ever. Amen.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels abide in it, to preserve us in peace, and let thy blessing be ever upon us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*During the week before you receive the Holy Communion, add the following prayer each night*:)

Blessed Jesus, who art coming to me, thy unworthy servant, in the blessed sacrament of thy body and blood, prepare my heart, I beseech thee, and grant that having received thee, I may never be separated from thee, who livest and reignest with the Father and Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

May my guardian angel keep me in safety and purity under God's protection this night. Amen.

✠ God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, be with me and mine, now and in the hour of death. Amen.

"I will lay me down in peace and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety."

"Into thy hands I commend my spirit; for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth."

The following intercession may be used with Evening Prayer:

O Lord, we entreat thee for thy Holy Catholic Church : furnish her plentifully with the rich gifts of thy Holy Spirit; visit her with thy salvation, grant her grace to serve thee in the beauty of holiness, and keep her steadfast in thy truth unto the end.

Remember thy servant . . . . our Bishop, and all other orthodox Bishops, who rightly divide thy word of truth. Remember for good all priests and deacons (especially . . . .), and all men and women who in any work of thy Church devote themselves to thee: endue them with purity of life, and give them grace to fulfill the ministry which they have received of thee. Remember all those who work righteousness and are benefactors to thy Holy Church; who consider the poor, the widow, the fatherless and the stranger, and all who are in want.

Remember all who desire our prayers:

visit and heal those who are sick, restore them to their strength. Raise up those who have lingered under long and tedious indispositions. Remember those who are in prison or captivity, especially those under unjust accusations or suffering persecution.

Remember, O Lord, every Christian soul in affliction or distress, imploring thy divine help. Remember also the conversion of those in sin or error.

Remember all, O Lord, for good. Give thy peace to all thy people. Remove all occasions of sin. Heal the schisms of the Church, and grant us thy peace and love, O God, our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the earth.

And we commend unto thee all sick persons, especially those now departing. Grant unto the sick, if it be thy will, restoration to health, and give pardon and peace to the souls of the dying.

Remember also, we beseech thee, thy servants who have gone before us with

the seal of the faith, and now rest in the sleep of peace. Grant unto them, O Lord, eternal rest, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer Before Service

O Lord, open thou our lips and purify our hearts that we may fitly, reverently, and devoutly join in this service and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

Prayer After Service

Grant, O Lord, that what we have said and sung with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives to the glory of thy great name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us

the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace Before Meals

Bless, O Lord, these thy gifts to our use, and us ✠ to thy loving service; for Christ's sake. Amen.

Grace After Meals

For these and all his other mercies, God's Holy Name be praised, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Catholic Church

GRACIOUS Father, I humbly beseech thee for thy Holy Catholic Church; Fill it with all truth and with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, rectify it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it, O thou Holy One of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Missions

O LORD, who didst come to seek and to save the lost, and to whom all power is given in Heaven and in earth, hear, we beseech thee, the prayers of thy Church for those who, at thy command, go forth to preach the Gospel to every creature. Preserve them from all dangers to which thy may be exposed; from perils by land and perils by water; from the deadly pestilence; from the violence of the persecutor; from doubt and impatience; from discouragement and discord; and from all the devices of the powers of darkness. And while they plant and water, send thou, O Lord, the increase; gather in the multitude of the heathen, convert in Christian lands such as neglect so great salvation; so that thy Name may be glorified and thy Kingdom come, O Gracious Saviour of the world; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Upon a Birthday

O ALMIGHTY Father, by whose providence and goodness I was, as upon this day, safely born into the world, I thank thee that thou hast been pleased thus to give me being and life. I mourn that my past years have been spent so little to thy honour and service, and I resolve by thy grace that henceforth I will endeavour to spend the rest of my sojourning here in thy fear and love, to the honour of thy great Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Anniversary of Baptism

O MERCIFUL God, who of thy infinite goodness didst vouchsafe that I should, as on this day, be born again of water and of the Holy Ghost, and thereby become the child of thy adoption, graciously pardon whatever I have done unworthy of that adoption, and renew within me the spirit of holiness which was then poured out upon me at the Holy Font, that having my

heart sprinkled from an evil conscience, I may hold fast the profession of my faith without wavering; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a God-child

BLESS, O Lord, my God-*child*. Grant that all carnal affections may die in *him* and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in him. Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world and the flesh; grant that *he* may be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded through thy mercy, O Blessed Lord God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Anniversary of Confirmation

THANKS be unto thee, O my God, for that love that thou hast shewed unto me at my Confirmation. I give thee thanks that thou didst send down thy Holy Spirit into my soul with all his gifts and graces. May his divine

unction cause my face to shine: may his heavenly wisdom reign in my heart, his understanding enlighten my darkness, his counsel guide me, his ghostly strength fortify me, his knowledge instruct me, his true godliness make me fervent, his divine fear keep me from all evil. Drive from my soul, O Lord, all that may defile it. Give me grace to be thy faithful soldier, that having fought the good fight of faith, I may be brought to the crown of everlasting life, for the merits of thy dearly Beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

On the Anniversary of First Communion

I THANK Thee, O Lord, my heavenly Father, who . . . . years ago to-day vouchsafed to admit me to the inestimable and glorious privilege of receiving the Body and Blood of thy dear Son. May the memory of that Holy Sacrament inspire me to holier living and a deeper veneration for the sacred mysteries of the Body and Blood of Christ. And grant that I may so persevere in

holy living through devout, reverent and worthy Communions that at last I may be brought to that ineffable Feast where with thy Son and the Holy Ghost, thou art to thy Saints true Light, full and everlasting Joy, and perfect Happiness; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer for Guidance

ALMIGHTY God, who callest men to divers forms of service in the world, reveal to me the path which thou dost will me to walk in. I place my life and all that I am in thy great hand. Dispose of me and of all that belongs to me as seems best to thee. If I can be of use to thee in the sacred ministry of thy Church, call me and bid me forsake all for thee. Attune my ear to thy Voice that I may hear the call. Strengthen my will that, hearing the call, I may forthwith obey it. Let me live my life in the power of thy Holy Spirit. Let me know no service but the service of thy dear Son. I do not seek

to choose my path: I leave the choice to thee; but I pray that it may be such as will lead me at last to thine Everlasting Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Vocation

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst die for me and give thyself for me, grant me the light of thy Holy Spirit that I may know what thou wouldst have me to do. I offer myself entirely to thee to do what seemeth good in thy sight: not my will but thine be done. Correct whatsoever thou seest amiss in me, strengthen my weak resolutions, restrain my wayward desires, remove all hindrances to the fulfilment of thy will, and give me grace so to follow the leadings of thy Providence, that my life may be spent to thy honour and glory, in whatsoever way it pleases thee, who livest and reignest, God for ever and ever. Amen.

For Relatives and Friends

MERCIFUL Father, I beseech thee to bestow thy special blessing upon all my kinsfolk and friends. Prosper them if it please thee in their worldly affairs; support and guide them in all trials and difficulties: advance them daily in thy faith and love, and bring them hereafter to thy heavenly joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Anniversary of Marriage

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, who hast joined together us thy servants in the bond of marriage, pour upon us thy benediction, that we may agree together in unbroken love, and please thee in all holy conversation, so that we may be counted worthy to be joined together in heaven in everlasting society; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Poor

O LORD Jesus Christ, who when on earth hadst not where to lay thy head : have mercy upon all who are in

poverty or distress. Be thou the Comforter of the widow, the Father of the orphan, the Succourer of those in distress, and their wealth in poverty: minister to their bodily necessities : supply their wants while they dwell upon earth; and bring them to that eternal kingdom where there are no tears, neither sorrow nor crying: Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

For the Departed

O GOD, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, have mercy upon the *Soul* of thy *Servant* . . . . and grant *him* eternal rest among thy Saints and Elect, that *he* may enjoy their companionship in everlasting life : through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Other Prayers

[*To be written according to convenience.*]